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Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 110 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for 2007.

2. The First Committee considered the item at its 23rd meeting, on 30 October 2006 (see A/C.1/61/PV.23).

3. At the 23rd meeting, the Chairman made a statement and introduced the proposed programme of work contained in conference room paper A/C.1/61/CRP.6/Rev.1.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its proposed programme of work and timetable for 2007 annexed to the present report.

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2007

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2007, as contained in the annex to the report of the First Committee.

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Annex

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2007

Programme/meeting	Dates	Number of meetings
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 27 September	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Monday, 1 October to Monday, 8 October	7
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items[a]	Tuesday, 2 October at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items, including:	Tuesday, 9 October to Friday, 19 October	9
(a) Exchange with the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs and other United Nations officials		
(b) Follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its past session/presentation of reports[b]		
(c) Panel discussion with independent experts[c]		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under all agenda items	Wednesday, 10 October at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Monday, 22 October to Tuesday, 30 October	7

[a] A rolling list of speakers would be open one month in advance of the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit the time of their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes, and statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list would give priority to high-level representatives and should be regularly shared with the Committee so as to increase transparency.

[b] Presentation of reports could also take place during the thematic debate.

[c] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

24-28 September	24 Monday		25 Tuesday		26 Wednesday		27 Thursday		28 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m. x	a.m.	p.m.
1-5 October	1 Monday		2 Tuesday		3 Wednesday		4 Thursday		5 Friday	
	a.m. x	p.m.	a.m. x	p.m.	a.m. x	p.m.	a.m. x	p.m.	a.m. x	p.m.
8-12 October	8 Monday		9 Tuesday		10 Wednesday		11 Thursday		12 Friday	
	a.m. x	p.m. x	a.m. x	p.m. x	a.m.	p.m. x	a.m.	p.m. x	a.m.	p.m.
15-19 October	15 Monday		16 Tuesday		17 Wednesday		18 Thursday		19 Friday	
	a.m. x	p.m.	a.m. x	p.m.	a.m. x	p.m.	a.m. x	p.m.	a.m. x	p.m.
22-26 October	22 Monday		23 Tuesday		24 Wednesday		25 Thursday		26 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m. x	a.m.	p.m. x	a.m.	p.m. x	a.m.	p.m. x	a.m.	p.m. x
29 October-2 November	29 Monday		30 Tuesday		31 Wednesday		1 Thursday		2 Friday	
	a.m. x	p.m.	a.m. x	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.

The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session with regard to the official United Nations holidays.